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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: N. WATANABE, et al

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For: NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK UNIT WITH DATA PROTECTION
FUNCTION AND SERVER PROTECTING DATA STORED IN
NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK DEVICE

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Commissioner for Patents
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April 14, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.